

Copeland Asks City to Ignore Milk Boycott

Health Commissioner Says
Price Protest Plan of
60,000 Council Mem-
bers Will Do No Good

Favors Store Distribution

Fair Cost Committee Will
Meet To-day and Consider
State Commission Scheme

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, in opposing the boycott on milk, planned by the Community Councils to begin this morning, suggested yesterday that the public ignore the move as a matter of health.

The Community Councils had decided on the boycott each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until prices either were lowered or the present high prices satisfactorily explained.

As a solution of the milk problem, Dr. Copeland asserted the plan would not only be ineffective, but would place the lives of a large portion of the population in jeopardy. Milk, he declared, must be included in the universal dietary no matter what its price, and that it is our cheapest food at any price. As public health Commissioner, he said, it was his duty to discourage any such temporary abstinence.

60,000 To Join in Boycott
He suggested that the boycott be postponed till the Fair Price Milk Committee, of which he is the head, had formulated its conclusions and presented its reasons. Officials of the milk problem, however, said that so far no change in the plans for the boycott had been made and that the 60,000 members of the council would undoubtedly forego the use of the product to-day.

It was stated in other quarters that in view of the stand taken by Commissioner Copeland the council leaders may be persuaded to reconsider their action at a meeting of the Fair Price Committee at 10:30 a. m. to-day in City Hall. There will also be taken up at this meeting the proposal for the appointment of a state milk commission to handle the entire question, a suggestion made by Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administration.

Other schemes designed to enforce more economical methods of distribution that will be considered by the committee include the zoning of the city and confining the sale of milk to certain dealers to certain sections, and the use of the corner grocery store as the medium of general distribution. Dr. Copeland said he was strongly in favor of the last mentioned proposal, in that it would give those who want to save money by applying personally for their milk an opportunity to do so.

Doubts Wisdom of Plan
With regard to the boycott, Commissioner Copeland said: "I can see that a boycott against the dealers in cheese or overcoats or pianos, or almost any other article of commerce, might cause a glut in the market and result in a material reduction in price. But as to milk, I have serious doubts of accomplishing much by the use of the boycott. Milk is perishable. It can not be stored to await a suitable market. Should the boycott be city-wide and extend over a prolonged period of time, at its end there would be no surplus of milk to be sold cheaply."

"As I view it, therefore, this plan offers no ultimate economic advantage to the city. The boycott might be resorted to if the milk dealers were to be punished and thus taught a wholesome lesson. As a matter of fact, however, it is quite probable that the already wretched farmer-producer to be prepared to keep a part of his milk because of the possibility that some loss will be required for a few weeks. Thus it will be the farmer who, as usual, is the sufferer."

Would Lose but One-Sixth
"Let it be borne in mind that the milk distributed to homes is only about one-third of the total of sales of milk dealers. If one-fifth of the customers were forced to live up to the boycott for three days it would mean that one-half of one-tenth of one-third of the milk offered the city would be rejected. The penalty paid by each dealer would be a small percentage of his daily profit. Just what this would mean in dollars and cents nobody but the dealer can tell, but it would be a small percentage of his daily profit."

"It is my duty as Commissioner of Health to conserve the health of the community," he discouraged, therefore, any such temporary deprivation of the community's milk supply. The infant must have it. It is essential to the child. It is important to the adult. Should there be a lessening of milk purchased three days a week for a number of weeks there might be many persons who would decide that milk can be purchased just as well in lesser amounts. No matter what its price, milk must be included in the universal dietary. At any price it might command it is our cheapest food."

Can Accomplish No Good
"I am sure no one can deny that I am an insistent fighter for cheaper milk. No one is less likely to be charged with holding any brief for the milk barons. I should not be so much lower, if I supported the proposed boycott, I must state frankly and unhesitatingly that to my mind it can accomplish no possible good. On the other hand, by involving the farmer just as we are beginning to show him that his cause and the cause of the consumer is a common one, the boycott will probably do real harm. Much as I regret to oppose the views of hundreds of our loyal citizens who are seeking to help in the battle, I must express the opinion that the boycott might better be postponed until the Fair Price Milk Committee has formulated its conclusions and presented its plans."

Lotus Horton, president of the State Farm Company, made public a letter yesterday which he addressed to George Gordon Battle, counsel and chairman for the Community Councils, in criticism of the contemplated boycott. The letter stated that the action of the councils was taken apparently without investigating the matter and invited the organization to take up the subject with him.

Incredible, Says Horton
Mr. Horton asserted that the projected action was "the most extraordinary way of finding out if the increase in the price of milk was justified or not," and that it "seemed incredible that a patriotic organization would accept apparently without inquiry newspaper propaganda which was circulated for political purposes recently." Any misguided movement, he added, which tended to destroy or impair the system of handling milk

'Patience Worth' Cancels Session With Dr. Hyslop

Says Mrs. Curran, After
Cancelling an Appoint-
ment With Psychologist

Will Write No More Here

Week To Be Spent Looking
Over City; Her Throat and
Mind Tired by Hard Work

Whether Patience Worth objected to Dr. James H. Hyslop, of the American Society for Psychical Research, delving into her secrets, or whether Mrs. John H. Curran was reluctant to submit herself to the scientific scalpel, is a matter of doubt. Whichever it may have been, a private session arranged for 10 o'clock yesterday morning in the Hotel Netherland was called off at the last minute.

Mrs. Curran had promised "fire-works" when she got hold of the psychologist by himself and asked him to explain statements alleged to have been made by him about her work. However, when she saw in Saturday's papers that Dr. Hyslop told reporters she had never called her a fake, but had accused her editors and publishers of exploitation, she said she felt vindicated and could see no point in wasting time over a private meeting with him.

In spite of the cancellation of the appointment, Dr. Hyslop, promptly at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, walked into the Hotel Netherland and asked for Mrs. Curran.

Found He Was Not Wanted
He was informed that she was having breakfast. Then, realizing that she did not mean to see him, he turned on his heel and walked out of the hotel.

"I am done with Hyslop," said Mrs. Curran to a Tribune reporter. "In Mrs. Behr's drawing room he publicly denied having called me a fake and there is nothing more to be said. I am glad that he saw his mistake. But I was very much surprised to see that he told reporters his allegations were against my publishers and Casper S. Yost, of 'The St. Louis Globe-Democrat,' one of the noblest men that ever lived."

"I am amused at science. I have met some of the biggest psychologists and have written for them, and they are mysteriously silent about 'Patience Worth.' Anyway, I don't care what science says about me. You can't ridicule literature and I am, what patience is giving through me."

Mr. Yost edited a volume called "Patience Worth," which was devoted to the outlandish writers of the strange personal.

To Stay All Week
Mr. and Mrs. Curran will remain in town all this week, but there will be no more communications from Patience. In ten days she has delivered 20,000 copies of her book, and she is, with seemingly unending knowledge of the men and women with whom she had to deal. One noticeable thing about the public writings of Patience at the home of Mrs. Behr was the inviolable aptitude of her theme. In speaking to the scientist, she dwelt on science; to the poet, on poetry; to the actress, on

which insured its safety and purity of nothing less than a threatened calamity.

"The only way in which we can meet to-day the increased expenses from which we as well as the public suffer," he declares, "is by increased consumption and by larger tonnage upon our wagons. The notion that a price reduction can be forced by increasing expenses need not be the least of mine or from any other sensible person. We have had quite enough false representations about milk. It has been made a political football. It is time that right-thinking men and women considered seriously what this propaganda business has done, and if not checked is likely to do with the most necessary of our foods."

**Parents Seek Return of
Son Held in Austria**

Lad First Interned by British as
Enemy Alien Is Sent to
Country of Birth

Application will be made to the Red Cross and the State Department at Washington to-day by Jacob Schneider, of 336 Henry Street, for assistance in getting his twenty-year old son, Nathan, home from Austria. Nathan has been missing for nearly three years. He was first interned by the British on the Isle of Man, and then sent to Austria as a repatriated enemy alien. The father only recently learned of his son's predicament through the Red Cross and the New York Police Department.

The Schneiders came to this country when Nathan was two years old. He was the only one of the children born in America. When he was sixteen he became a mess boy on a British liner. The war started soon after, and he was not molested until the United States entered the conflict. When it was learned Nathan had been born in Austria he was interned on the Isle of Man and he was held until the armistice when he was sent to Austria. Meantime his parents moved from 14 Cannon Street, where they had lived when Nathan made his first trip to America, and his letters to them were returned. The few days ago Detective Harry Newman called the new Schneider abode in Henry Street with a letter from the boy, asking police assistance in reestablishing communication with his family.

12 Caught in Hotel Raid

Seven Men and Five Women
Taken by Yonkers Police

YONKERS, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Seven men and five women were arrested to-day in a raid by the police on the Speedway Hotel, Tompkins Avenue. Spectators say that one woman escaped and ran into the woods nearby, but the police deny this.

Lieutenant D. A. Cooper, who commanded the raiders, said they were looking primarily for liquor, and that although they found only empty containers, they were able to make eleven arrests on charges of disorderly conduct. Frank Cherico, said to be the proprietor of the place, was held charged with maintaining a house of ill repute.

The prisoners were arraigned in court this afternoon, pleaded not guilty and were remanded. They will appear again this morning.

12 Obstacles In Way of City Owned Transit

Mrs. John H. Curran

Objections to Municipal Ac-
quirement of All Lines
Enumerated in Pamphlet
Favoring That Solution

Many New Laws Needed

Also an Amendment to Con-
stitution, According to
D. F. Wilcox and Others

Twelve obstacles to municipal ownership and operation of the transit systems of New York City are cited in a pamphlet suggesting municipal ownership as the final solution of the transit problem, issued yesterday by Delos F. Wilcox, former chief of the franchise bureau of the Public Service Commission, and endorsed by thirty-three other signers. Mr. Wilcox's collaborators included Lawson Purdy, Professor Charles A. Beard, S. S. Goldwater, George Foster Peabody, Herbert Croly, Hamilton Holt and Dr. Stephen S. Wise.

Legislative measures would have to be enacted to overcome eight of the objections to municipal ownership, it is admitted by the men issuing the statement. One, they say, would require an amendment to the state constitution. Two other serious handicaps cannot be overcome at all under present conditions, they say.

The first obstacle in the way of the city acquiring the subway, elevated, bus and surface car lines, as cited in the pamphlet, is the absence of legal authority to acquire and own the lines. The Fowler bill, which passed the last session of the Senate, but was defeated in the Assembly, would have granted this power of acquisition, it is claimed.

Difficulty in Drafting Law
"The real difficulty comes in the drafting of legislation prescribing the methods of acquisition, the manner of paying for the property and the manner of operating it," the pamphlet adds.

"The impracticability of building a complete independent competing municipal transit system, or of effectively threatening to do so, cannot be overcome, Mr. Wilcox concedes. It would be possible, however, he says, for the city to acquire a fragment of the existing transit lines, as, for example, the Third Avenue Railway system, or one of the rapid transit lines, and on this basis enter into competition with the other lines, afterward extending the fragment to make it a formidable competitor. The development of municipal bus lines, including the acquisition of the Fifth Avenue lines, he says, would help the city strengthen its position.

There is no practicable way, in Mr. Wilcox's opinion, of making the traction companies turn over their properties to the city at the price the city might be prepared to pay for them. The threat of competition and refusal to grant any fare increases or other concessions are proposed as possible means of bringing the private companies to terms in a resettlement of their relations with the city.

Inadequate Condemnation Law
The inadequacy of the present condemnation law and procedure, another drawback conceded by the pamphlet writers, probably can be overcome, they declare, by the formulation and adoption of legislation specially adapted to the condemnation of public utility properties.

Probably the most fundamental obstacle is said to be the constitutional limitation on the city's purse. On this point Mr. Wilcox says:

"This limitation can be removed by an amendment to the constitution, either raising the debt limit for all purposes or raising it for the purpose of permitting the issuance of bonds for the acquisition or construction of municipal utilities or entirely excluding utility bonds from the debt limit."

Legislation is also advocated to pave the way to increasing the lines and to remove the dangers of political interference, the handicaps of civil service regulation and the possibility that municipal transit employees would do harm by combining for political and personal ends. No specific laws are suggested, but it is specified that "the principals of organization, collective bargaining, impartial investigation of complaints and full publicity should be woven into the plan."

Labor Leaders Register Protest

Two labor leaders who signed the pamphlet, J. M. Budish and Abraham Lefkowitz, registered their objections to the plan. Mr. Budish, secretary of the Board of Estimates, said that the reduction of wages of transit employees, or the legal prohibition of strikes, would be a blow to the city's credit. He declared that the working conditions of transit employees were poor, and that the city was not prepared to pay for them. He said that the city was not prepared to pay for them. He said that the city was not prepared to pay for them.

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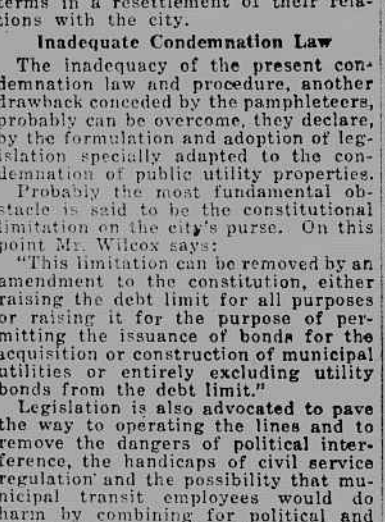
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